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MANITOBA
ELECTION 2016

**Poll touts Tory
surge, Liberal
fall in election**

A new opinion poll suggests the Manitoba Progressive Conservatives are soaring and Liberal support has dropped sharply in advance of Tues-

day's provincial election.

The survey by Mainstreet Research indicates the Tories are well out in front with 46 per cent support, the NDP are in second place at 21, and the Liberals and Greens are tied at seven per cent.

One in five respondents was undecided.

The Liberal drop has been sharp — previous Mainstreet polls over the last few months had the party at or above 15

per cent, nipping at the heels of the NDP.

The poll was issued after a series of gaffes by the Liberals, including the loss of some candidates who had not filled out forms properly.

The random automated telephone survey of 1,800 Manitobans was conducted Thursday, and is considered accurate within plus or minus 2.3 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

Support in Winnipeg

**41% Tories
25% NDP
10% Green
7% Liberals
17% Undecided**

"What looked like a simple majority last week now looks like a super majority as the PCs gain almost five points ... among decided and leaning voters," Mainstreet president Quito Maggi said in a release.

The Tories have been leading in opinion polls since the NDP government raised the provincial sales tax in 2013. Selinger faced an internal revolt led by five cabinet ministers who said the party need-

ed a new leader to revive its fortunes, but Selinger fought back and survived.

The Mainstreet poll suggests the Liberal collapse has benefited both the NDP and Tories. The Tories also continue to lead in seat-rich Winnipeg — their weak spot in the last election where they won only four of 31 seats.

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The storage locker where the remains of six infants were found in October of 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Experts will be key in woman's trial: Lawyer

ANDREA GIESBRECHT

Case hinges on whether infants born alive, he says

A lawyer for a woman charged with concealing the remains of six infants in a storage locker says her upcoming trial is likely to hinge on whether the babies were born alive.

Andrea Giesbrecht's trial before a judge alone is to begin Monday. She was arrested in October 2014 shortly after the remains were discovered, but has

been on bail for a year. Despite numerous pre-trial hearings, the ages of the infants or a reason for why they were put in the storage locker has never been revealed.

Greg Brodsky, Giesbrecht's lawyer, says the trial will probably be lengthy, since it will depend a great deal on the testimony of forensic pathologists and forensic anthropologists.

The Crown has to "establish that they were live births," he says.

If the babies were not born

alive, Brodsky will "argue about whether there should be a conviction or not."

"We're making certain challenges to the quality of the evidence," he says.

Court has already heard police officers were called to a Winnipeg U-Haul facility after

employees entered a locker to take inventory because the bill hadn't been paid. A police report read out in court said employees

smelled a strong odour and saw "squishy bags."

Officers found bodies wrapped in garbage bags and placed in a duffel bag, a tote bag and plastic containers. One body was wrapped in a towel, as well as a garbage bag, and stored in a pail. One officer managed to pry open one container and saw "limbs that belonged to an infant."

Court records indicate Giesbrecht, who has also gone by the name Andrea Naworynski, is a gambling addict who had a low-paying job at a fast-food restaurant. She pleaded guilty earlier this year to failing to comply with a probation order and fraud over \$5,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Greg Brodsky

PRIVATIZATION

Snow-clearing app on table at city hall

 **Stephanie Taylor**
Metro | Winnipeg

Despite the smell of spring in the air, the idea of introducing an Uber-style app to Winnipeg's snow clearing business returns to city hall this week.

Coun. Russ Wyatt (Transcona) first floated the idea to council, then a city committee, back in January.

Essentially, he is proposing an app be created, similar to the ever-controversial Uber, that aims to open up the city's snow-clearing operations to smaller contractors.

During a previous interview with Metro, he explained that like Uber drivers, the freelance contractors would register, undergo inspections and make money clearing Winnipeg's "streets, sidewalks" and "back

lanes where existing larger private contractors offer services."

"The app could be set up where you have individuals sign up who would qualify, have a certain type of equipment, a certain insurance... and start plowing city streets."

Wyatt's rationale for the idea is that by allowing smaller contractors to tackle the job of clearing the city's streets, it could offer an opportunity to bolster service levels.

Currently, the city has a split of 80-20 for snow plowing performed by private contractors compared to in-house staff.

The proposal is set to be discussed during Monday's meeting of the innovation committee.

Although the city's current ice and snow removal contracts do not expire until next April, Wyatt said he hopes the public service pilot tests the concept during this coming winter.

IN BRIEF

Zika virus confirmed here

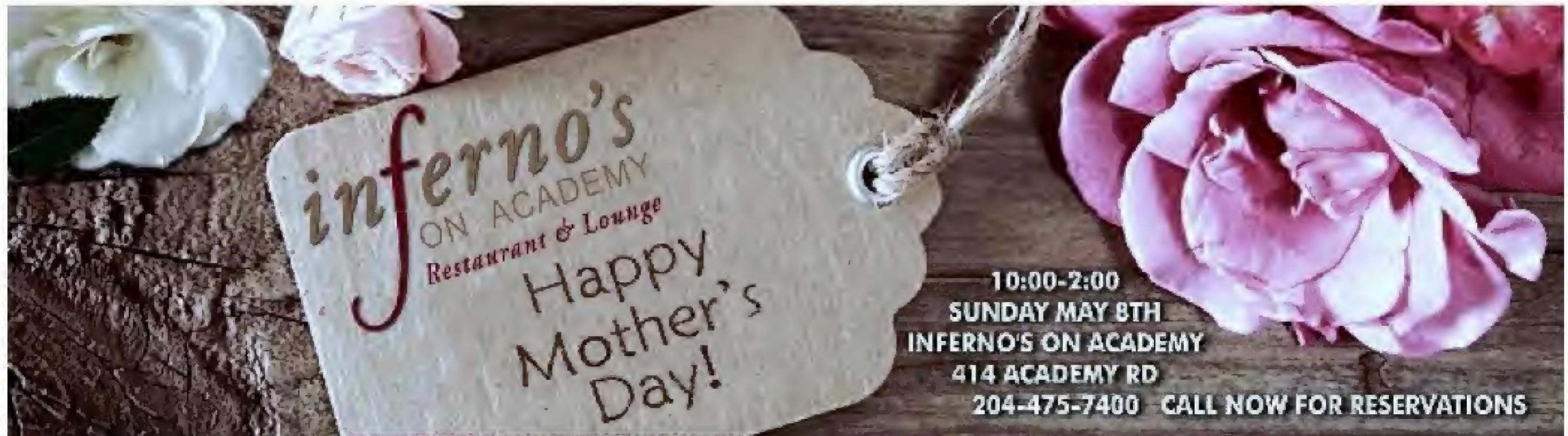
Health officials have confirmed the first two cases of Zika virus in Manitoba.

Manitoba Health confirmed cases of the virus in two individuals who returned from a trip in country affected by an outbreak.

"The current overall risk to Manitobans is very low as the species of mosquitoes that can carry the virus are unable to survive the cool weather in Manitoba or Canada," a release reads. METRO

Woman gets nine years

A Winnipeg woman has been sentenced to nine years for killing her off-and-on girlfriend. Shayla Woodford, 24, was convicted of manslaughter for the fatal stabbing of Samantha Anderson, 24, on Dec. 2, 2012. The two were having drinks with Anderson's sisters when an argument erupted into a fight in which Anderson was killed. The judge rejected Woodford's assertion she had acted in self-defence. THE CANADIAN PRESS



TIMELINE

The twists and turns of the campaign

March 8: The NDP government delivers a mini-budget that serves as a blueprint for their upcoming election campaign. The document includes plans for a new tax bracket on high incomes, small tax credit increases for lower- and middle-income earners and more spending on health care. The document also reveals the deficit has more than doubled to \$773 million.

March 16: Greg Selinger kicks off his attempt to keep his 16-year government in power with a walk to Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon's office to dissolve the legislature.

March 23: A recording surfaces online of Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari meeting with a man seeking media attention for his concerns about mental health services. Bokhari tells the man the media won't touch his story because they survive on government ads.

March 30: Elections Manitoba rejects five Manitoba Liberal Party candidates. The Liberals will not have a full slate of candidates for the first time since 1999.

March 31: Liberal Brandon West candidate Billy Moore says health-care wait times could be reduced if some hospitals were closed. Moore says the wide availability of hospital emergency rooms encourages people to use them for minor or even non-existent ailments.

April 1: Court documents obtained by The Canadian Press reveal Elmwood Liberal candidate Kurt Berger had pleaded guilty to assaulting a girlfriend in 2002 and was given a conditional discharge. Berger says he turned himself around after the assault and took counseling. The Liberals stand by him.

April 4: Bokhari drops Berger

as a candidate after she says she received an email from the woman involved in the assault that contained new accusations about what happened.

April 6: Tory Leader Brian Pallister says, if he is elected premier, he would be open to following Selinger's lead and participating in gay pride celebrations. The NDP say they will appoint a minister responsible for LGBTQ issues, but Pallister calls that "not helpful."

April 10: Selinger invites the media to share details of his 2014 tax return. Selinger's total income was \$147,374. The Liberals responded by releasing leader Bokhari's T4, which listed her income as \$24,584 after deductions. The Tories issued a statement calling Selinger's move "desperate, American-style politics" meant to divert voters' attention.

April 11: Selinger calls Pallister homophobic for voting against a law in 2013 that requires schools to allow gay-straight alliances set up by students.

April 12: Maintaining a wide lead in polls, Pallister is the main target in the televised debate. He faces accusations he would cut government services, increase poverty and privatize parts of the health-care system.

April 15: Pallister defends his time out of the province after the CBC obtained travel logs that show he spent 240 days either travelling to or in Costa Rica since being elected in 2012. None of the time was taken while the legislature was in session. Pallister was in the Latin American country during flooding that was occurring in Manitoba in 2014. At the time, he told media he had been at a family wedding.

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NDP Leader Greg Selinger at last week's televised debate. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Signs point to new era

MANITOBA ELECTION 2016

Polls suggest end of 16 years of NDP rule in Tuesday's vote

One of Canada's two remaining NDP governments finds itself on the ropes as it heads into an election Tuesday with polls suggesting Manitoba voters are ready to turn to the Progressive Conservatives.

Surveys in recent months continue to suggest Greg Selinger and the NDP are 20 points or more back of the Tories and have lost almost half of their popular support from the last election.

But some voters are not exactly enamoured with the alternatives — Tory Leader Brian Pallister or Liberal boss Rana

Bokhari.

"I in no way want to see the NDP get another term.... I think they've done terrible things for this province," said Lindsey Anderson, a 33-year-old downtown Winnipeg resident who leans conservative. "But the Conservative party does not speak to me."

Brian Pallister... it's like, 'What planet are you from?'

Equally ambivalent is Jason Coward, who lives in south Winnipeg.

"I'm not seeing any new ideas. I'm not seeing a lot of innovation and... there's not a lot of substance."

The race to Tuesday's vote has lacked inspiration, said Royce Koop, who teaches political science at the University

of Manitoba.

"We have three leaders that aren't really inspiring enormous amounts of confidence," said Lindsey Anderson, a 33-year-old downtown Winnipeg resident who leans conservative. "But the Conservative party does not speak to me."

The NDP won 37 seats to 19 for the Tories and one for the Liberals in 2011. But for the first time since taking power in 1999, New Democrats have had to play defence.

Selinger, who barely survived a caucus coup last year, has made the majority of his campaign announcements in seats the NDP is trying to hold.

Pallister, backed by the strongest campaign machine since the Tories were last in power under

Gary Filmon, has spent much of his time in NDP constituencies.

His personal popularity has lagged behind that of the party. The former MP has a few gaffes on his political résumé, including once saying that Halloween is bad for the integrity of children.

The Liberals have a rookie leader in former lawyer Rana Bokhari. The party had several setbacks on the campaign trail, including having Elections Manitoba reject some candidates for improper paperwork.

Koop predicts that public anger against Selinger is likely to outweigh antipathy toward Pallister or Bokhari, which means Alberta's Rachel Notley will be the country's only NDP premier.

"I think the unpopularity of Mr. Selinger is much more important to understanding the outcome than Mr. Pallister's popularity." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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May envisions Green seat



Leaders focus on past success in Wolseley

Evan Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg

The federal leader of the Green Party believes Tuesday's provincial election will be the first to see a Green MLA voted into the Manitoba Legislature.

Elizabeth May, who is also Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands in British Columbia, said one of the Green's strongest chances is in the Wolseley riding with candidate David Nickarz.

"If you're looking for change — one Green MLA can do quite a lot," said May, speaking of her own success as an MP.

"The opportunity is right in front of us... I don't like to say out loud we will, but I know we can [win]," she said.

Nickarz has knocked on 3,000 doors in Wolseley, according to May, and she said it's those per-



Federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May was in town to give the provincial party a needed boost. EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO

sonal connections that will push voters to mark the ballot with Nickarz's name Tuesday.

James Beddome, leader of the provincial Greens, said having placed second three consecutive times in Wolseley speaks to how it should be their party to unseat the incumbent MLA

Making history has a way of sneaking up on you.

Elizabeth May

New Democrat Rob Altemeyer.

"People have the power to elect whoever they want right now," said Beddome. "What I'm hearing at the doors is that (people) are fed up with the major three... Give us a chance."

May said that although the federal and provincial parties are

wholly separate, she's impressed with how well the provincial platform falls in line with the federal party's values.

She stressed that voter turnout matters, and May encouraged all Manitobans get out and vote.

"Making history has a way of sneaking up on you," she said.

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New Democrats

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- Replace student loans with grants, provide free tuition for students in child welfare and create 12,000 new child-care spaces
- Deficits until at least 2021

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- Reduce PST to seven per cent, raise income-tax brackets with inflation, join New West Partnership
- Spend at least \$1 billion a year on infrastructure, promote tourism, create business plan for the north
- Announce target date for ending deficits

Liberals

- Student loans converted to grants, full-day kindergarten
- Allow private liquor stores and services like Uber, reduce condo property tax
- Give municipalities one per cent of PST for infrastructure
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Sheepdogs come to town

SUPER-SPIKE

Prairie rockers headlining volleyball tournament

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

One of Canada's largest beach volleyball tournaments returns to Winnipeg this summer, and joining it will be homegrown rockers The Sheepdogs.

According to event organizers MTS Super-Spike, sponsored by Bud Light and Metro Winnipeg and now in its 15th year, will happen at Maple Grove Rugby Park this July 15 and 16.

Along with The Sheepdogs, organizers say other performers will include Poor Young Things, The Proud Sons, The JD Edwards Band and Kenaston, as well as several more acts to be announced in the

coming weeks.

Not only is the annual event a weekend of fun in the sun — hear that, Mother Nature? — featuring volleyball and concerts, it is also a fundraiser that has raised

more than \$940,000 for the national women's volleyball team to date, organizers say.

After calling Winnipeg home for 24 years, Volleyball Manitoba confirmed to Metro back in February the

team was relocating to Richmond, B.C., in early 2017.

Super-Spike organizers say that after next summer when the team has moved, the event will begin distributing its earnings to new Win-



A group poses for the camera at last year's Super-Spike. CONTRIBUTED

nipeg-based charities.

"Details will be released closer to the event this summer on this exciting new evolution that is expected to leave an even bigger footprint in Winnipeg benefiting local charities in need," a news release reads.

Organizers say early bird registration for teams are \$49 per person, and go on sale June 5.

Early bird weekend passes for those interested in taking in more of the festivities, and not so much the volleyball, go on sale this Friday for \$25.

The passes increase to \$35 after June 5.

\$940,000

Total funds raised by the annual MTS Super-Spike volleyball tournament in support of the national women's volleyball team, according to the event's organizers.

INMATE SAFETY
Officer gives his testimony

A correctional officer has testified to finding an Ontario inmate lying in a pool of blood at Stony Mountain Institution in southern Manitoba.

Vincent Laroche testified that he performed a sweep of the recreational hall area, but when he returned less than an hour later, he said he and his colleagues noticed bloody drag marks and followed them to the gymnasium. There they found Durval David Tavares, 40, of Thunder Bay, Ont., who died a short time later in hospital.

It was the last day of an inquest into the murders of Tavares in May 2006 and Sheldon Anthony McKay in March 2005. Both were killed by other gang members.

The inquest was told some changes have already been made, but staff also said little can be done to eliminate every risk to inmate safety.

"If a group of four or five converge on one inmate, a lot of damage to the person can be done in a short time," said Laroche. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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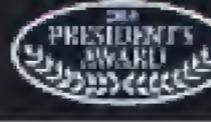
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'A war on our families'

HEALTH

Mothers heading to UN to fight against war on drugs

Nearly four years after her daughter died of an opioid overdose, Donna May will share her story of loss and learning at the United Nations.

May's daughter Jac, 35, died on Aug. 21, 2012, after overdosing on pain medication prescribed to help her cope with a flesh-eating disease she'd contracted after years of addiction and life on the streets.

"From the time she passed away until (now) all I've done is advocate for drug policy reform and to have other people receive the education I was given so they don't face the situation the same way I did. And that's my daughter's legacy," May said in an interview.

May and three other mothers whose children lost their lives to drugs have been invited by the Canadian government to attend a three-day UN session that begins Tuesday aimed at addressing the world's drug problem. May is slated to speak at a side event on the final day of the conference.

Other groups from around the world are expected to travel to New York to ask that the UN and governments end the war



Donna May holds a photograph of her late daughter Jac in Toronto last Thursday. Jac died in 2012 after overdosing on pain medication.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

on drugs.

Last year, the women helped found the group Mothers United and Mandated to Saving the Lives of Drug Users, or mumsDU. It advocates for harm reduction and drug-policy reform, and has expanded to include about 400 parents of children whose deaths are in some way linked to drugs.

Fellow co-founder Jennifer Woodside of Vancouver lost her 21-year-old son Dylan Woodside two years ago after he took oxycodone laced with the powerful painkiller fentanyl. He was one of the earliest to die in a series of fentanyl-linked deaths that is still claiming lives across Canada.

Her goal for the upcoming UN session is to give her son a voice and to make sure he didn't die in vain, she said.

MumsDU has made inroads in its advocacy, successfully lob-

bying the government to make the overdose-reversal medication naloxone available without a prescription.

Leslie McBain will travel from her home on Pender Island, B.C., to New York on behalf of the group. She wants to see international drug policy move away from a punitive approach and toward a system that places more emphasis on health and social care.

A successful outcome from the UN meeting would be a declaration that the war on drugs

has failed, McBain said.

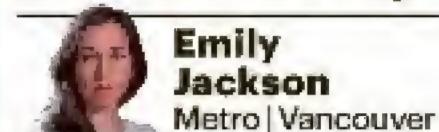
Her son, Jordan Miller, died of an oxycodone overdose in Victoria in early 2014.

"The war on drugs has been a war on our families," said Lorna Thomas, another mumsDU co-founder from Edmonton.

One consequence of the recent spate of fentanyl-related overdoses is the changing dialogue around addiction and drug abuse, given the sheer number of deaths linked to the illicit substance, said Thomas.

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ROYALS Canadians divided on monarchy



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Canadians continue to respect Queen Elizabeth II as she prepares to celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, but the country is less sold on the idea of keeping the monarchy forever.

While two-thirds of Canadians say the respected Queen should continue to be recognized as head of state, less than half (42 per cent) want the country to maintain its constitutional monarchy for future generations, according to an Angus Reid Institute survey released Monday. Almost the same number (38 per cent) wants out from under the royals' thumbs entirely while the remaining 20 per cent isn't sure.

Part of the problem is the immediate heir to the throne, Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said. Only 46 per cent support Prince Charles, perhaps due to prolonged fallout from the Princess Diana scandal, compared to second-in-line Prince William, who enjoys 63 per cent support.

But Kurl said a clearer picture emerges when the royal personalities are taken out of the equation.

"What stood out to me was the amount of division between Canadians on the bigger question of Canada's future with a constitutional monarchy," Kurl said. "It's an inherited position belonging to someone who isn't from this country... that's where you see the division comes out."



There are too many victims to the war on drugs. Donna May



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CLIMATE CHANGE

Prairies feeling the heat

When Kendall Heise started farming about 20 years ago, he grew cool-season grains like wheat and canola — in the harsh climes of Manitoba, it wasn't like he had much choice.

This spring, he plans to also plant warm-season soybeans and corn.

"We were, and still are, somewhat limited in what we can grow because of the cold climate," says Heise. "But it's changing... spring comes a little earlier and the fall a bit later and we are taking advantage of it."

Western Canada's cold and short growing seasons have historically prevented farmers from planting crops like soybeans. But as temperatures have risen and growing seasons have grown longer, the extra days between the last and first frost have given farmers a chance to



Corn and canola near Roland, Man. GETTY IMAGES

grow new, potentially more lucrative, crops. In a paper in 2011,

Paul Bullock, a University of Manitoba professor, analyzed rainfall and temperature data from 12 Prairie weather stations and found that warming from the 1920s to 2000 has allowed farmers to plant more crops that are traditionally grown in

the warmer U.S. states.

(For the Prairies, scientists have predicted average high temperatures will increase by 2-3 C and lows will increase by about 3 C by mid century. Precipitation is also expected to increase by three to seven per cent.)

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Clooney blasts political cash

POLITICS

Oscar-winner calls donations an 'obscene amount'

Actor George Clooney would like to get big money out of politics — so he doesn't have to raise it.

Clooney hosted two weekend fundraisers in California on behalf of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Donations for attendees at an event in San Francisco topped out at \$353,000 per couple, which Clooney acknowledges is an "obscene amount of money."

The event even drew pro-Bernie Sanders demonstrators, Clooney recounted in an interview airing Sunday on NBC's *Meet the Press*. When he went to talk with them, he said, they called him a corporate shill.

"That's one of the funnier things you could say about me," the Oscar-winner said, though he conceded that some of the protesters had a valid point regarding a different matter.

"Their T-shirts said, you know, 'You sucked as Batman,'" said Clooney, the star of 1997's *Batman & Robin*, one of the least memorable films in the superhero franchise. "And I was like, 'Well, you kind of



Actor George Clooney hosted two fundraisers in California over the weekend on behalf of U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



got me on that one.'"

Asked on CNN Sunday whether Clooney was siding with the wrong candidate, Sanders replied, "I think he is." But he praised Clooney with being honest enough to

name the problem.

Clooney said he likes many of Sanders' ideas and would gladly raise money for him if he became the Democratic nominee. But the actor said he is supporting Clinton because of his admiration of her work as secretary of state, and he praised her for her efforts to avert a humanitarian crisis ahead of South Sudan's independence.

Clooney faulted Clinton for

\$353,000

Donations for attendees at a fundraiser for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in San Francisco topped out at \$353,000 per couple.

not better explaining where the money she is raising goes.

Most of it, he said, would end up being spent on down-ballot races including those for the Senate, which will confirm the next president's picks for the Supreme Court.

If the right justice is confirmed for the spot now open on the court, Clooney said, political campaigns could "get this obscene, ridiculous amount of money out so I never have to do a fundraiser again."

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Get this obscene, ridiculous amount of money out so I never have to do a fundraiser again.

George Clooney



Inflatable dolls of former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and President Rousseff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRAZIL

Anti-Rousseff camp take lead

The leader of the government coalition in Brazil's lower house of Congress conceded defeat in trying to fend off the impeachment vote against President Dilma Rousseff.

Chamber of Deputies member Jose Guimaraes made the comments late Sunday as the opposition approached victory but still had not reached the threshold of votes needed to adopt the impeachment measure.

More than two hours into voting, the pro-impeachment camp was leading 254 to 87. If 342 of the Chamber of Deputies' 513 members vote in favour, the proceedings move to the Senate for a possible trial. If senators voted to hold a trial that would suspend Rousseff and hand over the top job to Vice-President

many (legislators) betrayed us. It was a double defeat," said Brazilian Community Party legislator Orlando Silva, a close supporter of Rousseff.

After more than 40 hours of debate that began Friday, legislators in Congress' lower house began voting one by one Sunday evening, the culmination of months of political wrangling that exposed deep polarization in Latin America's largest nation and most powerful economy.

Eduardo Cunha, the house speaker leading the impeachment push, called deputies individually, giving them time to speak before casting their vote. After each vote, both cheers and boos erupted while legislators looked up at a board keeping score.

Michel Temer.

A close ally of the president lamented that many of her colleagues had "betrayed" Rousseff.

"It was a herd effect, and

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Boaty McBoatface Poll picks name for vessel

Boaty McBoatface has topped an online poll to name the U.K.'s newest polar research vessel, beating entries that honoured scientists and explorers.

Britain's Natural Environment Research Council had asked for help finding a name that would reflect the \$284 million US ship's mission and celebrate British naval history.

The council asked for inspirational entries about environmental and polar science. But in the contest ending Saturday, Boaty McBoatface won with 124,109 votes — more than three times its closest contender. The vote was advisory and the name will be decided by the council.

Former BBC radio host James Hand, who proposed the winning entry, has apologized for the controversy, though he still thinks it's a "brilliant name." He voted to name the ship after naturalist and broadcaster David Attenborough.

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This ship could end up being called Boaty McBoatface.

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These photos show scenes of destruction after a massive earthquake in Pedernales, Ecuador, on Sunday. The strongest earthquake to hit Ecuador in decades flattened buildings and buckled highways along its Pacific coast, sending the Andean nation into a state of emergency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death toll rising in Ecuador

NATURAL DISASTER

Strong quake kills hundreds, injures more than 2,500

Aid began to flow in Sunday to areas devastated by Ecuador's strongest earthquake in decades and the death toll continued to rise as people left homeless huddled down for another night outside in the dark.

Officials said the quake killed at least 246 people and injured more than 2,500 along Ecuador's coast. Vice-President Jorge Glas said the toll was likely to rise because a large number of

people remained unaccounted for, though he declined to say how many.

Much damage was reported in the cities of Manta, Portoviejo and Guayaquil, which are all several hundred kilometres from the epicentre of the quake that struck shortly after nightfall Saturday.

But the loss of life seemed to be far worse in isolated, smaller towns closed to the centre of the earthquake.

In Pedernales, a town of 40,000 near the epicentre, soldiers put up a field hospital in a stadium where hundreds of people prepared to sleep outside for a second straight night. Downed power cables snaked across the streets with no prospect of elec-

“Everything can be rebuilt, but what can't be rebuilt are human lives. President Rafael Correa

tricity being restored soon, making it unsafe for many to return to their homes.

The town's mayor said looting broke out Saturday night amid the chaos but with the arrival of 14,000 police and soldiers to towns in the quake zone the situation appeared more under control.

President Rafael Correa, who cut short a trip to Rome to oversee relief efforts, declared a national emergency and urged Ecuadoreans to stay strong.

“Everything can be rebuilt, but what can't be rebuilt are hu-

man lives, and that's the most painful,” he said in a telephone call to state TV before departing Rome for Manta.

More than 3,000 packages of food and nearly 8,000 sleeping kits were being delivered Sunday. Ecuador's ally, Venezuela and neighbouring Colombia, where the quake was also felt, organized airlifts of humanitarian aid. The European Union, Spain, Peru and Mexico also pledged aid.

Rescuers scrambled through ruins in the provincial capital Portoviejo, digging with their hands trying to find survivors.

“For god's sake help me find my family,” pleaded Manuel Quijije, 27, standing next to a wrecked building. He said his older brother, Junior, was trapped under a pile of twisted steel and concrete with two relatives.

“We managed to see his arms and legs. They're his, they're buried, but the police kicked us out because they say there's a risk the rest of the building will collapse,” Quijije said angrily as he looked on the ruins cordoned off by police. “We're not afraid. We're desperate. We want to pull out our family.”

Electricity mostly remained out in Manabi province, the hardest-hit region, as authorities focused on finding survivors.

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ECUADOR

2 Canadians believed to be dead

Federal officials say two Canadians are among at least 246 people killed by a devastating earthquake in Ecuador.

Global Affairs Canada spokeswoman Rachna Mishra confirms two Quebecers were among the victims of the earthquake, centred about 170 kilometres northwest of the capital, Quito.

The agency says consular officials are in contact with the families of the two Canadians, who have not been named.

The 7.8-magnitude earthquake is the strongest to hit Ecuador since 1979, levelling buildings and buckling highways along the Pacific Coast of the South American country.

President Rafael Correa has declared a national emergency and some 10,000 armed forces have been deployed to the earthquake region in addition to 4,600 national police.

Global Affairs has asked friends and relatives of those known to be travelling in Ecuador to contact their emergency response centre.

“I am saddened to learn of the tragic loss of life stemming from Saturday's devastating earthquake near the central coast of Ecuador which has already cost the lives of at least 233, including two Canadians,” Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion said in a release Sunday.

“Canadian officials at our embassy in Quito are reaching out to Canadian citizens in-country and providing assistance to Canadians affected by the earthquake. We will continue to work with local authorities to assess impact and needs on the ground.”

Reports out of Ecuador said rescuers are struggling to reach survivors trapped in the ruins of fallen buildings.

The quake was felt in neighbouring Colombia and more than 135 aftershocks followed.

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SYRIA

Rebel shelling leaves 10 children dead in Aleppo

Ten children have been killed by rebel shelling on Syria's largest city this weekend, as the UN warned of “desperate” conditions inside a war-ravaged Palestinian refugee camp in Damascus. The violence underscores the fragility of the ceasefire in Syria, which has unraveled in the north despite ongoing peace negotiations.

Rebel shelling killed sixteen people in Aleppo, a monitoring group said Sunday. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said airstrikes killed another six people in the opposition-held parts of the city's

old quarters.

Syria's state news agency, SANA, said at least five of the sixteen dead in the government-held areas were killed by rebel snipers and said a further 10 were injured.

Syria's warring factions have returned to violence in recent weeks, spoiling a period of relative calm brought about by a partial ceasefire in late February.

The UN warned that humanitarian conditions are “desperate” inside a Palestinian refugee camp home to about 10,000 civilians in the capital, Damascus.

The UN Palestinian refugee agency, UNRWA, said violent battles between extremists have left residents of the Yarmouk camp without food or water for more than a week.

“Civilians in Yarmouk are facing starvation and dehydration alongside the heightened risks of serious injury and death from the armed conflict,” said UNRWA spokesman Chris Gunness.

The camp, a built-up neighbourhood once home to an estimated 150,000 people, has been ravaged by fighting between Daesh and al-Qaida's Syrian af-

filiate, the Nusra Front, while government forces regularly shell it from outside.

Government and opposition delegations have been engaged in indirect peace talks in Geneva since Wednesday as the UN looks for ways to bring an end to the conflict, but the opposition's chief negotiator urged insurgents to strike at pro-government forces.

“Don't trust the regime and don't wait for their mercy,” Mohammad Aloush wrote on Twitter on Sunday.

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This picture taken on Jan. 31, 2014 shows residents of the Palestinian camp of Yarmouk queuing to receive food supplies in Damascus, Syria. UNRWA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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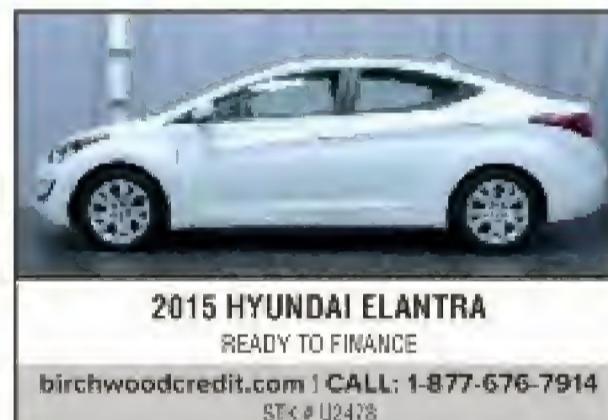
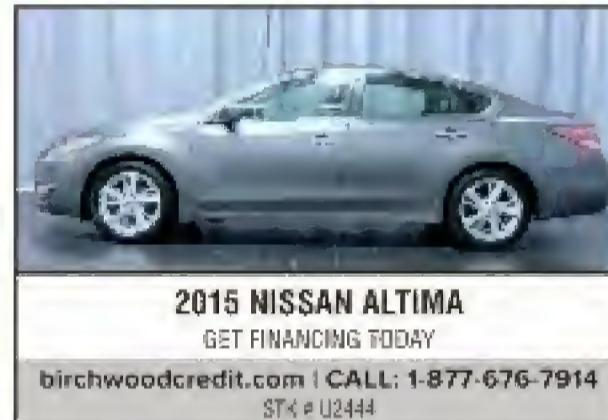
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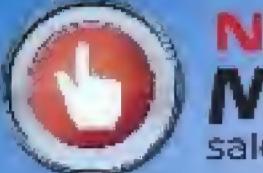


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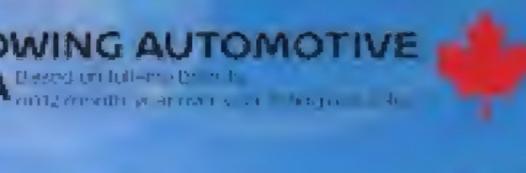
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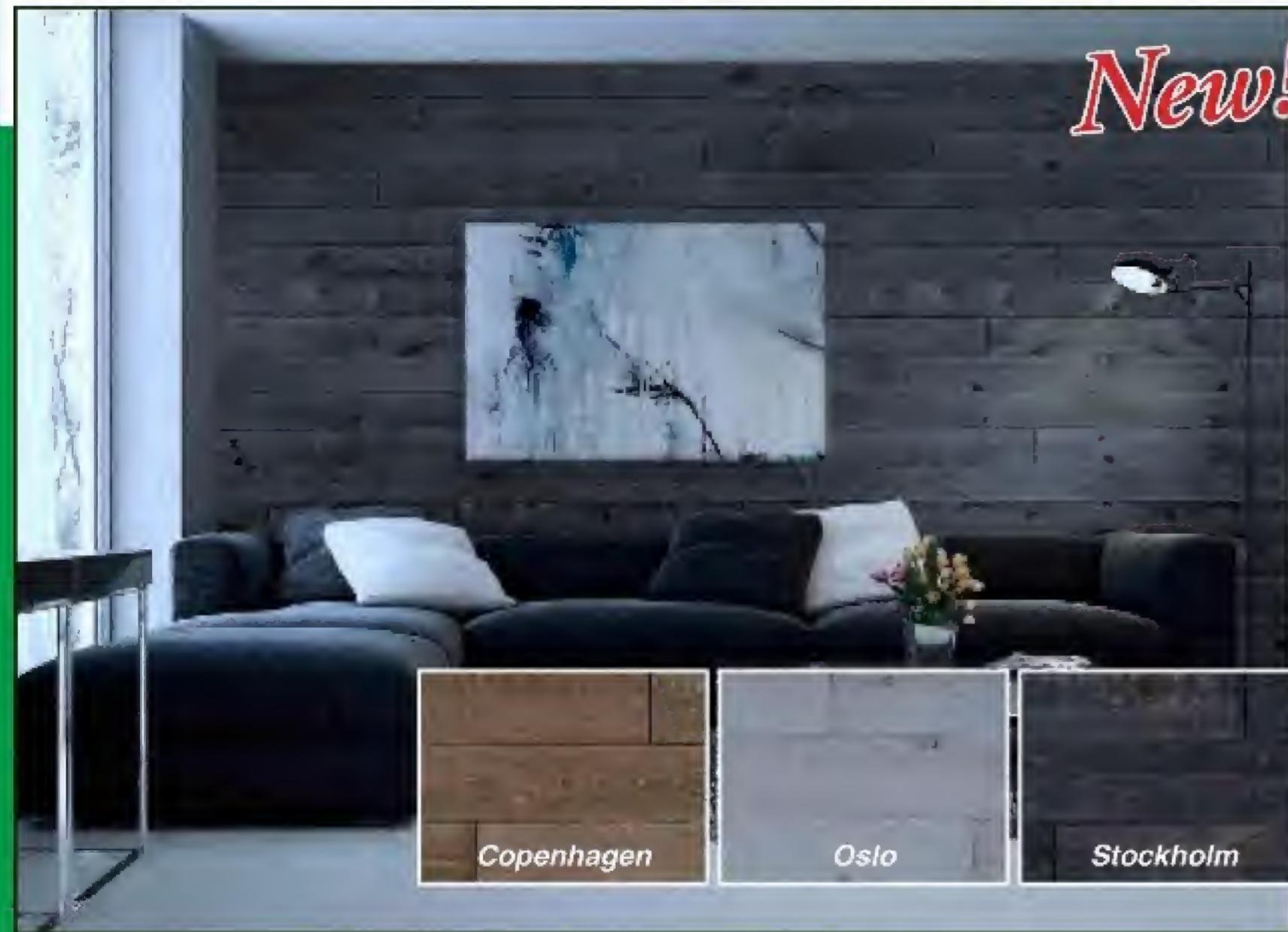
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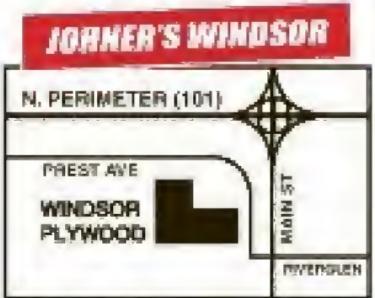
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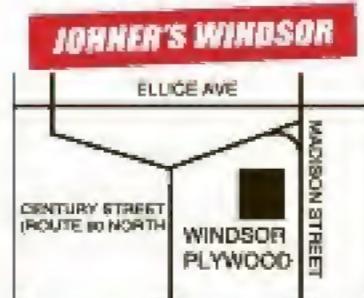
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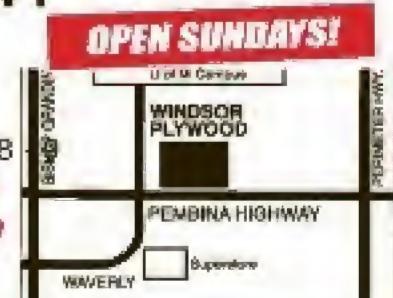
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U.K. firm Novitas provides loans for divorces at a high 18 per cent interest rate. Now the company is aiming to set up the first Canadian operation of its kind. istock

Getting a loan to untie the knot

LEGAL

Company lends money to pay for your divorce

When Theresa Emerson left her 29-year marriage, she was a multimillionaire who became penniless and homeless overnight.

As the cash-poor-but-asset-rich dependent spouse, she felt helpless until she found the "fairy godmother of divorce." That was

Nicole Noonan, CEO of divorce financing firm Novitas US. She stepped in with a \$150,000 US loan to cover Emerson's fight for her share of an estate she estimates is worth \$4 million US.

The 18 per cent interest rate attached to the loan is high, but the firm is also taking on a great risk — if she doesn't win, it receives nothing.

Now, Noonan wants to bring Novitas' services to Canada and plans to set up a Toronto operation in the summer or fall.

"Our next push is certainly Canada because, like the U.S., there's a lot of divorces," Noonan

There are other ways of leveling the playing field without borrowing money at 16 or 18 per cent.

Philip Epstein

said.

The move would make it the first lender of its kind in this country, family law experts believe. But they're torn over whether the business is a novel solution that helps economically disadvantaged spouses or a new form of predatory lending.

Novitas is making extremely risky loans, which is why it charges so much interest and rejects

nine in 10 applicants.

Loans that cover the high cost of divorce in Canada could be one part of a solution to a family law system that has become overly complex, expensive and time-consuming, said Trevor Farrow, associate dean at Osgoode Hall Law School.

"The upside of these kind of third party arrangements is they provide access to justice oppor-

tunities for people who otherwise couldn't afford them," he said.

"The downside with these sorts of things is it turns people's tragedies and people's disputes — particularly when they're at their most vulnerable — into business opportunities."

The expense of hiring a lawyer has led to an increasing number of spouses choosing to represent themselves. But there's still the problem of economic disparity between a moneyed and dependent spouse.

In Canada, the U.K. and the U.S., divorce lawyers are not allowed to represent clients in

exchange for a share of the settlement, as they do for class action or personal injury cases. But there's nothing stopping a third party funder from stepping in.

Family lawyer Philip Epstein is skeptical about the need for this kind of service. High net worth clients are usually able to secure a line of credit, he said.

However, in Canada, the average divorce costs less than \$15,000. And most of the time, people aren't fighting about assets, they're fighting about children, he added.

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ECONOMY

Guaranteed income eyed again

In the mid- to late-1970s, every single person in one rural Manitoba city received \$1,255 a year — roughly \$7,500 in today's dollars.

The amount increased depending on the number of people living in each household, maxing out at \$3,969, or nearly \$23,500 in 2016 currency, for a family of five or more.

The people in the Dauphin, Man., experiment didn't have to work to receive this stipend. If they did, their benefit dropped 50 cents for every dollar they received.

The residents of Dauphin

just had to exist to receive their full guaranteed annual income.

About four decades later, policy-makers and the public in Canada and around the world are eyeing the basic guaranteed income scheme again, buoyed by an evolving labour landscape and technological advances that have left them wondering if today's social services are enough.

Finland plans to launch a basic income pilot next year. The Swiss will soon vote on unconditional basic income in a referendum.

Closer to home, the Ontario government's latest budget promises to run a pilot in the future and multiple politicians across Canada have expressed interest in studying the idea.

"I think people are simply looking at the state of the economy and they're starting to focus on changes that have been taking place for a very long time," said Evelyn Forget, a professor at the University of Manitoba, who studied the so-called mincome experiment in Dauphin and continues to research data from the pilot.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE **ELLEN VANSTONE**



Dear Ellen,
My friend is getting married. Her mother insists that invites to single people have a "plus one" but my friend says this is an outdated idea and doesn't want to. Who's right?

X.B.

Dear X.B.,

Traditionalists will automatically employ the plus-one approach, but it's entirely acceptable nowadays to include the spouse, fiancé(e) or live-in partner of mated guests and let the singletons happily fend for themselves.

But, given that we're talking wedding etiquette here, be assured that, no matter what you do, someone will be offended. That I so much as asked my friends what they thought about the plus-one invite was insulting to some of them.

One felt that traditionalists who insist on a plus-one are judgmentally saying, "God forbid you should show up uncoupled to a sacred ritual honouring a yoked existence unto death!" Another pointed out that a major demographic shift in Canada and the U.S. has resulted in married couples no longer being in the majority. Ergo, senders of presumptuous plus-one invites could "shove it."

But a lot of people, like Sara, appreciate the gesture: "I love a plus-one, especially for a destination wedding."

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THE QUESTION

Do wedding invitations sent to single people really need to include a 'plus-one'? Is it wrong if hosts try to control costs by limiting plus-ones to invitees in relationships?



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It doesn't mean I have to bring one but I like the option." Similarly, Maria said, "This type of invitation doesn't make any assumptions about your status or preferences. It's a guest, folks, and it's your choice to bring, or not bring, anyone you want."

Twenty-something Genna muses that "older people are always whining about how millennials are irresponsible and bad with money. But when we invent something like this, which saves money, they wail and whine that we have no respect for tradition." I'm not sure saving money in itself is a sufficient reason to break with tradition, but I applaud her thoughtful suggestion that hosts "just ask guests if they would like a plus-one" — though it might be infeasible if your guest list is in the triple digits.

Another excruciating example comes from Nora: "My first marriage, ahem, split up a couple of days before a good friend's wedding. Because of the empty seat beside me, I was forced to lie over and over and over again all night about where my husband was because the seat hadn't been removed (even though the bride and groom knew

there's bound to be complications. Keri had a bad breakup four days before a wedding. "I would have preferred to miss the event altogether but didn't want to disappoint my friend so told her I wouldn't be using the plus-one (and the reason why), with apologies. She demanded that I find someone to fill the seat so the +1 wouldn't go to 'waste.' I have no idea of the etiquette of that, but it seems to me that forced plus-ones are maybe as bad as no plus-ones at all?"

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— though, frankly, they had better things to worry about). So here's a point of etiquette for hosts: If a plus-one bails, then remove the flippin' place setting."

One person argued that she didn't want plus-ones at her wedding because she didn't want people there that she didn't know or didn't like. This kind of faulty reasoning I cannot condone, unless you are also willing to exclude partners of friends and family whom you barely know or find boring, boorish or otherwise obnoxious.

I'll give the last word to Aaron, who thinks guests should go along with whatever their hosts want to do on their big day, and adds, sensibly: "People need to be less offended by everything."

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

What women achieve when they can be more than just wives

Back in the ancient days of the 2015 federal election, I met a young Conservative operative for coffee.

I wanted to know: How did Stephen Harper speak to her, as a woman? And what did she make of feminism? She was nonplussed. We live in an equal society, she told me.

Oh, how I wish I could have handed her Rebecca Traister's new book *All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation*.

It is the definitive historical and modern account of unmarried women in the U.S. Even as a Canadian, reading it felt like hearing my own story told, in satisfying complexity, for the first time. In the extensive research and interviews with dozens of women, I found my own perpetual conundrum exposed: How can I best fight for all women's rights, in a world that already assumes equality? And more personally perplexing: How can I separate my own desires from society's insidious expectations? Traister said, I can't.

"When it comes, for example, to the distribution of domestic responsibility, one of the things you hear so often is, 'I'm just better at doing dishes; he leaves crap on the dishes,'" she told me during a trip to Toronto. "If we were at a place where we actually had gender equality, you could say that and it would be plausible. But because there are so many

structural inequalities remaining, it makes it hard to untangle what is about individual preference."

Such depressing realities notwithstanding, the book is also a celebration of what women accomplish when they can be more than just wives. Did you know, for example, that single women were instrumental in the labour and abolition movements? Or that "it's single women who have perhaps played as large a part as anyone in saving marriage in America" by refusing to submit to its restrictions?

One of the most surprising aspects of the book is the way it shows that women still feel alone, freakish and conspicuous, at the exact moment when singleness has statistically outpaced marriage. And how that threat of female power has become politically dangerous because of the backlash it has inspired, including during this presidential election.

"It's very scary," Traister said. "I feel the election is going to come down to being a referendum to how we feel about the advancements of people of colour and of women."

Some old-stock Americans, who have seen their privilege wane, are angry, she says, and could decide to take it out on those vulnerable groups.

In that sense, a book about women has a lot to say on why this U.S. election seems crazier than most.

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Mom's advice book balances snark and seriousness

Becky Blades wrote her oldest daughter a letter after she left home for college offering all the advice and words of wisdom she wished she had dispensed beforehand.

Her daughter had some advice of her own: Turn the letter into a book. Blades, who lives in Kansas City, Mo., did just that and the result is a nifty, gifty little book titled, *Do Your Laundry or You'll Die Alone*, out in April from Sourcebooks.

Blades knows her audience, keeping her pearls mostly text length — and funny.

"They're in this short attention span stage of life," she said in a recent interview. "Our best communications happen in text. It's kind of that irritating motherly voice that we know and love, but at that stage in life they really don't like to hear it."

So how did it come to pass that kids leave home these days without the most basic survival skills: laundry, mending or the sense to know that good posture is slimming?

Yes, Millennial and Gen Z Virginia, SPEAK CLEARLY. Enunciate. Articulate. Spit out your gum.

"And we blame ourselves, or I did. I think it has to do with time and how much they have to do. The other piece is the things that they have to do to fill their



As a mother of two teens, Becky Blades wondered how it came to pass that kids leave home without the most basic survival skills. So she wrote a book they can take with them to school. iStock

time. When we were free-range humans, we went looking for things to do and family was kind of that place, and things were just kind of absorbed. Your mom said, 'Here, do the laundry, here's how.' My oldest was very ambitious and very driven and I gave her a laundry pass. She could hardly get her studies done. We help too much."

Now, her youngest is a college sophomore and her older, driven one just graduated from Harvard.

And mom just got around to writing the book.

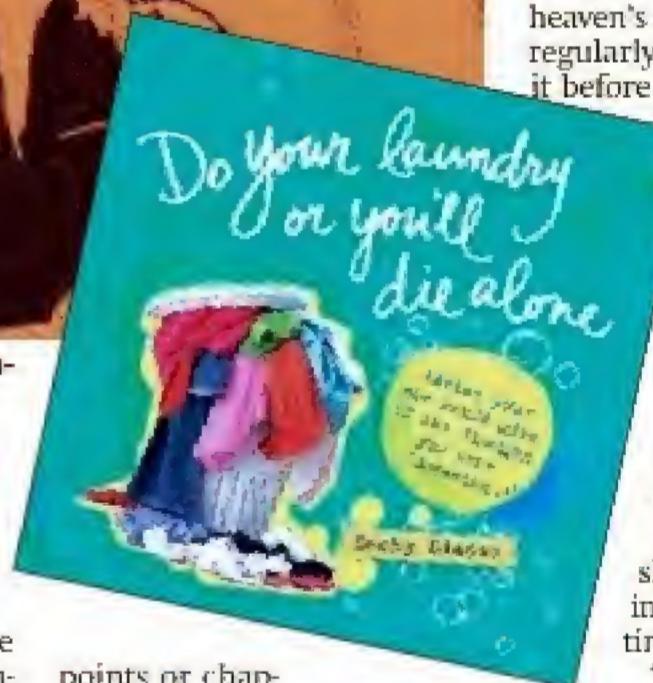
Blades numbers her bits of advice and inspiration, with 271 in all. She includes seven ruled blank pages at the end for moms and dads to write in their own pearls before handing the book over to their kids.

It was her oldest daughter's first day of senior year in high school when Blades realized exactly how much she had let slide. "There was a whole litany

of things. I thought 'Have I ever had the birth control conversation, have I ever talked to her about this or this? What does the time get filled with?'

It either gets filled with all the social media and things like YouTube. We don't sit around and tell grandma stories and pass down generational tidbits. We sit down and look at YouTube or say look at this or this on the computer," Blades said.

Rather than data-driven bullet



points or chapters of soliloquy like so many parenting books are crammed with, Blades offers humour and snark to connect. Consider her No. 8:

"Friends don't let friends: drive drunk, text while driving, get

discount body art."

She wanted to cut to the chase and eliminate much of the noise in talking to teens. How much do they actually hear, anyway?

No. 202 is a good example: "Reinvent yourself as often as you want. Just keep the essence that makes you you."

And this less funny but truly important tip in No. 233: "Check your paycheque. Make sure you know how much you are being paid and what is being taken out."

Blades leaves no topic uncov-ered: Buy a sewing kit and learn to use it. Cotton always shrinks so buy big. Wool shrinks when you get it wet, and shrinks some more when you dry it. And, for heaven's sake, do your laundry regularly. Try every week. Do it before you run out of clean underwear. She takes on sex, bullying, common courtesy, etiquette and basic interpersonal skills such as: "Look people in the eye. You'll discov-er this is hard to do while looking at your phone" and, "Listen. No, but really listen."

So are her girls, slightly older now, doing just that? Most of the time, Blades said.

"I was talking a lot about the book before it was done, so they're really sick of hearing about it," she said. "Their dad will always say, 'Hey guys, that's in the book. For cryin' out loud, it's in the book.'

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Being in debt can get you down, but allow yourself to imagine what life will be like when you rid yourself of it. iSTOCK

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

It's tough staying motivated when you're living on a budget and you feel like it'll never end. So, you know how people go out and buy a lottery ticket so they can dream big for a week? Here's something you can do that will not only put some dreaming back into your life, but help keep you moving towards becoming debt-free forever.

Imagine for a moment that you have finally paid off your last debt. That likely means you have all that money you've been snowballing for debt repayment that can now be incorporated back into your budget. It's almost like getting a raise, right? So what would you do with that money?

Recalculate your budget assuming your debt is gone and all that debt repayment money is yours for the keeping.

This is a great exercise for three reasons:

1. You will remind yourself of just how dumb debt is.

2. You will enjoy the anticipation of being debt free and that'll help keep you on track.

3. You can start planning what you'll do with the money once you do get to debt-free forever.

This third point is just as important as the first two. Sometimes, having finally achieved debt freedom, folks become intoxicated with all the extra money they have. They start

thinking of themselves as "rich" and stop paying attention to the details.

The flip side of this is the unwillingness to spend that sometimes comes after years of living frugally. Having scared yourself to death and promised to always be vigilant about not "wasting" money, you could find it extremely difficult to go out and spend.

Both these reactions are just that: reactions. They are emotional. They aren't based in logic or sound money management. And one of the best ways to overcome them is to start looking at how life will be different down the road so you can get used to the idea of finally being debt-free.

No one says that the first budget you make has to be the budget you end up living with. This is your opportunity to practise, at least on paper, how you'll deal with the extra money you have in your cash flow once the final payment on your debt is made. At first you may want to just blow through some money because you can. Or you may finally be able to start saving towards home ownership, going back to school, or a long-wished-for family vacation.

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How to Coexist with Roommates

Whether you're best friends intent on spending all your free time together or civil strangers who happen to share a home, a positive stress-free roommate relationship is the best kind. Here's how to stay happy, friendly, and sane when problems arise.

Problem: Your roommate is all up in your business and you can't stand it.

Solution: The key to living well communally is setting clear boundaries beforehand (quiet hours, off-limits spaces like bedrooms, shared food, etc.), but if your roomies accidentally use all your expensive salon shampoo while making noise after midnight and hogging the bathroom, don't flip! Give them the benefit of the doubt — they probably just didn't know. Politely point out the transgression, remind them you're not mad (even if you are, a little), and establish a clear protocol for similar situations going forward.

Problem: You're doing all the chores.

Solution: What we have here is a failure to communicate. One person's "clean" is another person's "barely touched with a sponge." Approach your roommate with a friendly smile and discuss what should be cleaned and when. If things still go unscrubbed, talk again and institute a structured official system (yes, you can tack a chore

chart on the fridge if you want). If it gets really nasty, consider asking your 'mates to pitch in for maid service.

Problem: Resentment is brewing and everyone is tense.

Solution: Talk early, clearly, and often. Consider having regular house meetings (especially if you're three or more people) when complaints and questions can be aired — an established forum to deal with issues will make it easier to address perpetual milk stealing or the couple whose nighttime fun is messing up everyone else's sleep schedules. If things get heated or worse, remind everyone that you're speaking up because you want a happy household. Be willing to compromise, for the love of the group's mental health. Sometimes you get to stand firm on everyone flushing the toilet, other times you'll have to cave and buy the detergent because you use it more than anyone else. That's (roommate) life.

Problem: You've really tried to give this thing a shot, but your living situation is just not working.

Solution: Some people don't get along in close quarters. Maybe you make good friends but terrible roommates, maybe you didn't anticipate awful significant others or just how bothersome loud midnight snack-making could be. If it's not a good situation, moving out could save the friendship and your san-



Author Alyssa Favreau. HANDOUT



As a recent graduate, you may have questions about the adult world you are poised to enter. Alyssa Favreau offers advice on building a grownup wardrobe and writing a cover letter to buying a car and using credit cards. Here is her advice to anyone who is about to find themselves living with a roommate.

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ity. Just pack it in responsibly: give at least one or two months' heads-up, and if you still have time on the lease, find a subletter that your

roommate is comfortable with. Don't steal away in the night and leave your roomie scrambling to cover costs you signed up for.

Facebook users irked over ID demands

Thousands of Sarah Bell's online friends knew her only by her roller derby nickname, R'effin Adora Bell. Facebook simply knew her as a brazen offender of its real-name policy.

Bell was locked out of her account for using a pseudonym — for security reasons, she says, and was shocked to learn how Facebook demanded she prove her identity. Facebook insisted she share digital copies of her passport and driver's licence to get her account back. After a five-week battle to maintain her privacy, she reluctantly gave in.

"Eventually I had no choice," she says with a sigh while detailing last year's incident.

"They shut down my primary mode of communication with people.... I couldn't argue with them anymore."

Bell's experience is far from rare. Daily complaints on Facebook and Twitter suggest lock-downs in so-called "Facebook jail" have been a regular occurrence for years, and often for unclear reasons.

Technology lawyer David Fewer questions why the social-media giant can't verify users through

other means. Just because it's a condition of use doesn't make it right, he says. "There are other kinds of mechanisms available to Facebook to get after identities," says Fewer, director of the Ottawa-based Canadian Internet Policy & Public Interest Clinic.

"Just because bad stuff happens, that doesn't mean that we all ought to be providing our identities and our identity documents just to use a service like this."

Fewer notes that privacy laws prevent companies from keeping personal information longer than

they require, and organizations like Facebook generally don't want to store such data since it increases their liabilities.

Bell says she initially sent other documents proving her identity, including a trading card and links to website bios. That initially permitted her to re-enter her account, but she was locked out again when another administrator said she needed more proof.

Bell wonders why Facebook wouldn't let her keep her real name private once it was verified.

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'The Body' was a model trailblazer



"I wish I'd worn sunblock. I grew up in the '70s in Australia"
Elle Macpherson, on regrets

Supermodel Elle Macpherson at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, where she accepted the Vanguard Award at the Canadian Arts & Fashion Awards. GEORGE PIMENTEL

INTERVIEW

Macpherson paved the way for social media stars

Shinan Govani
For Torstar News Service

The woman born Eleanor Nancy Gow, down under, swoops into the Fairmont Royal York, her mouth a half-moon grin. Her beauty, amped up to an 11, is as taunting as the chocolate on a pillow they leave you at the poshest of hotels.

"She's 52!?" is the general chant in the ballroom, where the guests milling on Friday night include Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, Galen Weston Jr. and Kim Cattrall.

Known for years as Elle Macpherson, having amassed a career in which she managed the tightrope between swimsuit model and capital-F Fashion model, and then became a second-act self-mogul, she'd arrived in Toronto to receive the Vanguard Award at the Canadian Arts & Fashion Awards. Worth around \$45 million, and with the flush that comes with a newly acquired mogul-husband, she was the portrait of easy boho-chick.

The insouciance belies an iron will, as was made all too clear when I met her for a chat earlier that day.

"The strongest drink I take is ginger ale," she demurred, going on to describe her no-alcohol, no-red-meat, little-coffee, all-alkaline diet (one, no doubt, harnessed by her own wellness

brand, WelleCo, which boasts a green powder elixir, among other miracles). Regrets? She's had a few. "I wish I'd worn sunblock," she shrugged, adding, "I grew up in the '70s in Australia."

Macpherson was a harbinger of all the Kendalls and Giggis who fill the modelling sphere now, a world of FaceTime, of near-constant streaming, of a fashion scene that hinges on hashtags.

In 1994, she left Ford Models to form her own company, Elle Macpherson Inc., knocking out the middleman, later creating her own calendar after years on the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue (she appeared on the cover a record five times).

Before that, she'd founded her intimates line, leveraging the nickname "The Body" handed to her in a famous Time story. This was well before "branding" was a concept that 10-year-olds learn in the playground.

Leveraging her fame in a swath of ways, including a drive on the model-to-actor expressway, her stint in acting was abbreviated at best, but it did last long enough for her to do everything from with Barbra Streisand (*This Mirror Has Two Faces*), snog a Sir (Anthony Hopkins in *The Edge*), bewitch Joey Tribbiani (recurring on *Friends*), and live down the indignities of George Clooney's most notorious pivot (ah, yes, Batman and Robin).

Something I'd noticed on her résumé, from those days, gets an effusive response from her: She remains the only supermodel to have hosted Saturday Night Live.

\$45M

SUPERMODEL ELLE MACPHERSON'S ESTIMATED NET WORTH



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

A classic, satisfying TV-movie ending

THE SHOW: Confirmation (HBO) **THE MOMENT:** The letters

Law professor Anita Hill (Kerry Washington) has been through hell.

She didn't want to testify that U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas (Wendell Pierce) sexually harassed her when she worked for him. As she says, "When someone comes forward, the victim becomes the villain."

But she made her case on live TV, and it divided the nation. Now he's been approved by the U.S. Senate, 52 to 48, and she's returning to her university office.

She pauses in the doorway. Stacks of mail bins stuffed with letters rest on every surface. Opening one at random, she reads aloud: "Dear Professor Hill, for 25 years my boss has treated me like his personal property... Watching you this week felt



Anita Hill ... didn't want to testify that U.S. Supreme Court Nominee Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her. She says, 'When someone comes forward, the victim becomes the villain'

like I was watching someone stand up for me." For the first time in her ordeal, Hill cries.

This is the classic historical telefilm ending: the triumphant loss. Our heroine didn't win her war, but her courage shone a light on an important issue and opened the door for new battles.

As an end-crawl tells us, in the wake of Hill's hearing, the number of sexual harassment cases filed with the Equal Opportunity Commission doubled, 42 per cent of women federal workers

reported they'd been sexually harassed recently, and the next congressional election saw the largest number of women win in U.S. history.

The triumphant loss allows filmmakers to have it both ways: They stir our moral outrage while fanning our hope — and remind us that, 20 years later, harassment victims are still fighting the same battle.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Kerry Washington is law professor Anita Hill in Confirmation. HBO

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'If my job was easy, I wouldn't enjoy it'

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Lauren Mozer, 28, Owner/Executive Chef at Elle Cuisine, Toronto, Ont.

With my job, every day is a little different than the last. First, I get into the kitchen/office and meet with my chefs. We review upcoming events and menus for the week, then get to work.

Then I meet with my events team: we chat about events and client requests, and share feedback from the previous week. We're always working on improving our services.

I love good food and providing unique food experiences to our clients. I love that every day brings new challenges and excitement. I never get bored, and am always amazed by the people I work with and the clients I work for.

From the financial organization of our business, to the cooking, to the event planning and staff dynamics, every part of my job is challenging. But I love challenges. If my job was easy, I wouldn't enjoy it as much as I do. METRO

After graduating with a degree in Anthropology and Sociology from McGill, Mozer completed George Brown's two-year Culinary Management Program.



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THE BASICS: Chef

\$33,000

Median wage of people working as chefs. Some make as much as **\$51,000** per year working in restaurants and catering companies. Salaries for chefs who own their own businesses vary widely. According to PayScale.com, the median wage for an executive chef is **\$57,386**.

+13%

The amount of growth expected in this field over the next four years.

Data for this feature was provided by payscale.com, hollandcollege.com, georgebrown.ca and ibpce.ca

HOW TO START

A diploma in culinary arts, culinary skills or professional cooking is a great starting point for would-be chefs. Specializing in baking or patisserie skills is also an option.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

Executive chef, research chef and food and nutrition manager are just a few of the titles open to chefs looking for professional expansion.

NEXT CAREER STEP

Culinary management programs combine chef training with business and entrepreneurial skills. Depending on individual career paths, they can be either a starting point or the next step towards owning or managing a culinary business. A bachelor's degree in hospitality operations management or food service management can also be a path to management, while specializing in nutrition science can lead to work in the health-care sector. METRO

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Warriors superstar Stephen Curry is questionable for Game 2 against Houston as he nurses an ankle injury

Blues in the face

NHL PLAYOFFS

Schwartz goal propels St. Louis back into series lead

The St. Louis Blues kept pushing and pushing until a costly play by Patrick Kane provided an opening. And there was nothing for the Chicago Blackhawks to challenge.

GAME 3 in Chicago



Jaden Schwartz scored at 13:32 of the third period with Kane in the penalty box for high-sticking, and the Blues beat the Blackhawks 3-2 on Sunday for a 2-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Patrik Berglund and rookie Colton Parayko also scored as St. Louis rallied after a difficult 3-2 loss in Game 2 that included two key coach's challenges that went against the Blues — one of them wiping out a tiebreaking goal for Vladimir Tarasenko.

Brian Elliott made 44 saves Sunday, keeping St. Louis in the game during Chicago's strong



The Blues' Jaden Schwartz collides with Blackhawks goaltender Corey Crawford on Sunday in Chicago. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

second period.

"No one said it was going to be a short series and even with them getting the win in Game 2, that didn't affect us," Schwartz said. "We came out and executed again today and we did a good job of that."

It was Chicago's first regulation loss when leading after

two periods since Game 2 of the 2014 Western Conference final against the Los Angeles Kings. The Blackhawks had been 70-0-4 since the start of last season when they had the lead at the beginning of the third, according to STATS.

"That was a tough loss," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenne-

ville said. "Let's get back into it. But it was a pretty competitive game, kind of comparable to what we saw in the first two."

Brent Seabrook and Artem Anisimov scored for the Blackhawks, who dropped to 28-7 in home playoff games since the 2013 post-season.

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CURLING

Gushue caps Grand Slam by winning Players' Championship



Brad Gushue's rink earned a total of \$101,500 this past week.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brad Gushue defeated defending champion Brad Jacobs 5-4 in Sunday's men's final to win the Players' Championship and complete a career Grand Slam.

Gushue and his rink from St. John's, N.L., — featuring third Mark Nichols, second Brett Gallant and lead Geoff Walker — already claimed the Rogers Grand Slam Cup on Saturday and earned a total of \$101,500 for their week of work.

Gushue has had a very successful Grand Slam of Curling series, winning three titles including the National and Elite

SEASON CHAMP

Ottawa's Rachel Homan won this season's Rogers Grand Slam Cup women's title as the overall season champion, earning a \$75,000 bonus.

10. He also finished runner-up at the Tour Challenge Tier 1.

Also on Sunday, Scotland's Eve Muirhead won her third Players' Championship title with a 9-6 victory over Winnipeg's Jen-

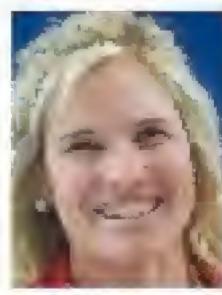
nifer Jones in the women's final.

Gushue grabbed singles in the first and second end, but Jacobs, from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., scored a deuce in the third to make it 2-2 going into the fourth end.

The two teams traded singles in the fourth and fifth end before Gushue made it 5-3 when he took two in the sixth. Jacobs made it 5-4 in the seventh but could not come any closer after running out of rocks in the eighth.

Earlier in the day, Jones defeated Winnipeg's Kerri Einarson

6-1 in the semi-final to clinch a berth into the 2017 Canadian Olympic curling trials. The spot was up for grabs after Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Chelsea Carey finished off of the podium at the worlds. Jones won the last trials and captured the gold medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Jennifer Jones

GETTY IMAGES FILE

Frankly fantastic

MLB

Blue Jays right-hander Sanchez silences Red Sox

Aaron Sanchez learned not to let little things bother him.

Sanchez allowed two hits in seven innings of one-run ball, and Jose Bautista drove in two runs with a solo homer and a double to lead the Toronto Blue Jays over the Boston Red Sox 5-3 Sunday.

Cruising with a no-hit bid two outs into the fifth, Sanchez gave up a broken-bat single to Marco Hernandez. He dropped his head a bit and muttered,

A stolen base and RBI single later, he was back in the dugout. It didn't affect the rest of his outing.

"I think that was a big learning curve. That only happened a start ago," the 23-year-old said.

"For me, it's going back out there, attacking the zone and not letting something affect me like I did my last start."

Toronto manager John Gibbons noticed the maturity, too.

SUNDAY In Boston

5	3
BLUEJAYS	REDSOX

"I've seen young guys that give up a hit and give up a run, and the next thing you know they've imploded," he said. "That stood out to me. I've seen it too many times before."

Edwin Encarnacion added two singles and an RBI for the Jays, who had lost two straight and were 1-4 against the Red Sox. Kevin Pillar had three singles and made two nice catches in centre after being dropped from leadoff to eighth in the batting order.

Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer off closer Roberto Osuna for Boston, which had won three straight. Hernandez had his first major league hit.

The teams meet in the finale of the four-game series on Monday in Boston's annual Patriots' Day game.

Sanchez (1-0) struck out seven and walked four.

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Aaron Sanchez got his first win of the season on Sunday in Boston. RICH GAGNON/GETTY IMAGES

LA LIGA

Barça in free fall

The fight for the Spanish league title is tighter than ever thanks to a surprise collapse by Barcelona atop the standings.

The once-unbeatable Barcelona fell to Valencia 2-1 at the Camp Nou on Sunday, losing its third straight game to allow Atletico Madrid to draw level on points with five rounds to go.

Atletico erased Barcelona's lead by beating Granada 3-0



Neymar

earlier Sunday. Real Madrid is only one point behind after winning 5-1 at last-place Getafe on Saturday.

Atletico was trailing by nine points three rounds ago, and Real Madrid was 12 points back four games ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Leicester close in

Leicester is drawing on the fighting spirit it required to survive in the Premier League a year ago to win the title for the first time.

Down to 10 men after being shaken by the dismissal of top scorer Jamie Vardy in the 56th minute, the leaders conceded twice to trail West Ham 2-1.

On a day of drama and divisive refereeing at the King Power Stadium, there was one final twist in the fifth minute of stoppage time when Leicester's substitute striker Leo-

nardo Ulloa displayed coolness from the penalty spot to equalize.

Despite dropping points with the 2-2 draw, Leicester extended its lead to eight points over Tottenham, which is at Stoke on Monday.

"We play every match with blood, heart and soul," Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri said. "I said thank you to my players, my fans. We must believe every time. It's very important psychologically."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Irving, Cavs hold off pesky Pistons

GAME 1 In Cleveland

106	101
CAVALIERS	PISTONS

LeBron James isn't all alone.

One year after he carried the Cavaliers as far as he could in the post-season, James once again has Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love by his side.

Cleveland's Big Three is play-off healthy again.

Irving scored 31 points in his first playoff game since being injured last year in the NBA Finals and Love, who was knocked out in the first round by an injury a year ago, added 28 to lead the Cavaliers to a 106-101 victory over the young and confident Detroit Pistons in the opener of their first-round playoff series Sunday.

James added 22 points and 11 assists for the top-seeded Cavs. They are favoured to win the Eastern Conference again but got all they could handle from the fearless Pistons.

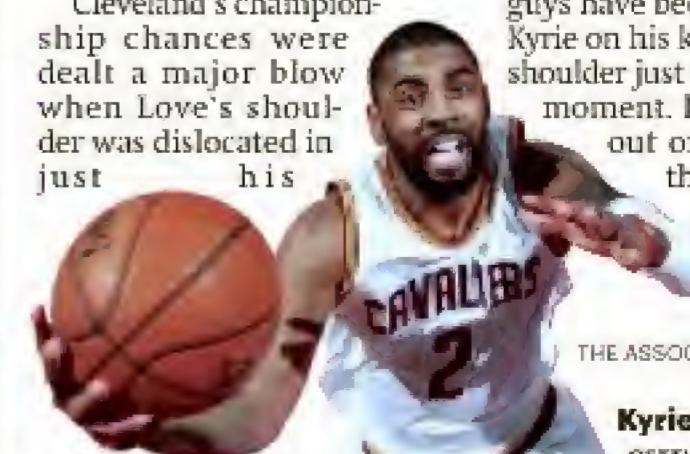
Cleveland's championship chances were dealt a major blow when Love's shoulder was dislocated in just his

fourth playoff game last year at Boston. The Cavs advanced to the Finals without him only to have Irving break his kneecap in Game 1 against Golden State, an injury that left James to fight the Warriors on his own.

As he sat between his teammates — who combined with him for 81 points, 24 rebounds and 18 assists — following the game Sunday game, James looked relieved.

"For these two guys, they were just excited to get back to this moment," he said. "These guys have been working hard, Kyrie on his knee, Kevin on his shoulder just to get back to this moment. It was great to be out on the floor with them and for them to put together the performance that they did."

Kyrie Irving
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WINNIPEG'S CLASSIC ROCK

RECIPE Niçoise Pasta

PHOTO: MAYA VISHNEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This recipe is the cozy, pasta version of my all-time favourite salads. And I bet you have most of the ingredients in your pantry right now.

Ready in

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 500 grams spaghetti
- 3 Tbps olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup black olives, pitted and roughly chopped
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup capers
- 2 x 5 oz tin of tuna, drained
- 3 or 4 leaves of fresh basil, torn into pieces
- 1/2 cup Parmesan, grated

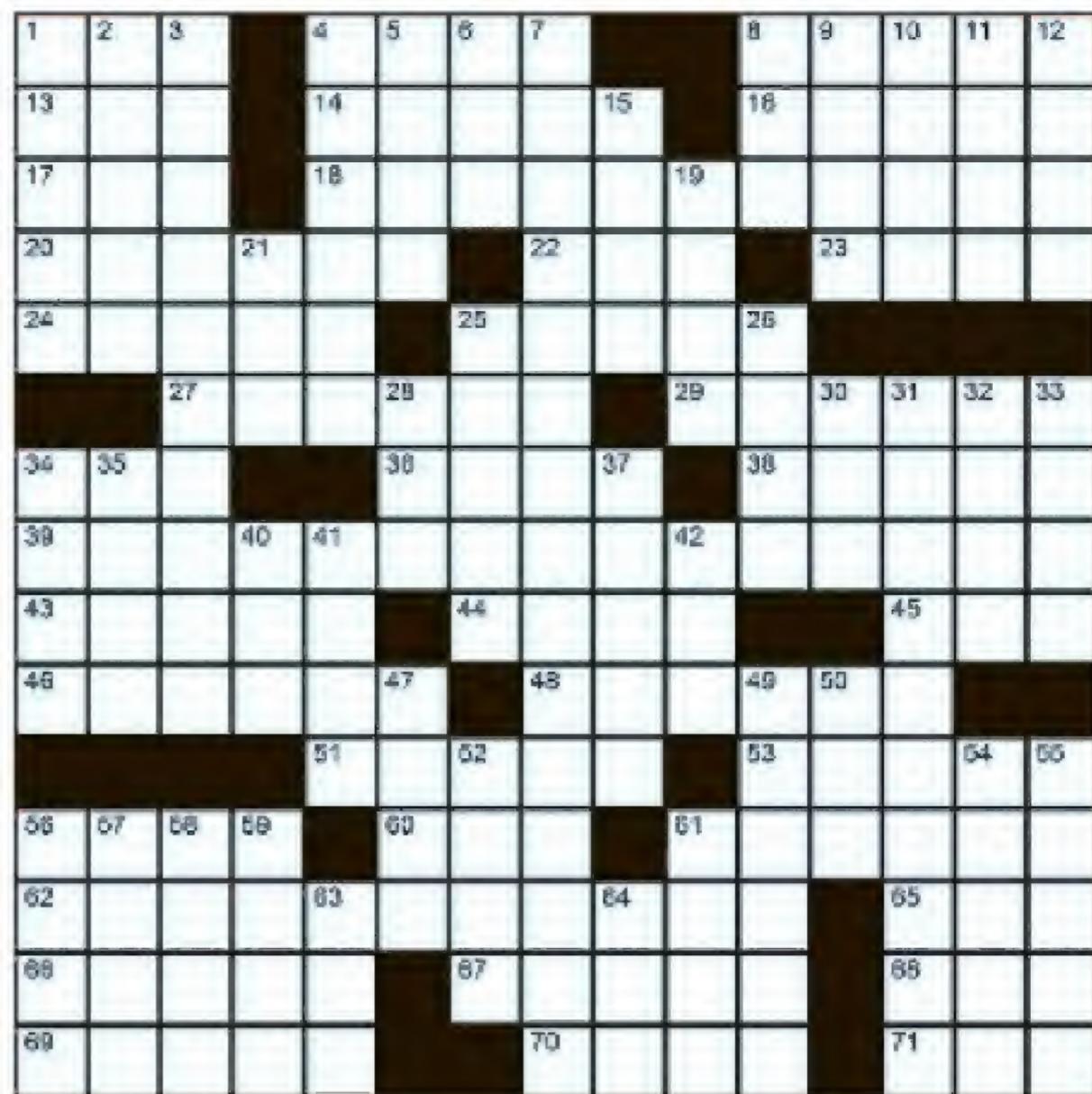
Directions

1. Put a big pot of well-salted water on to boil. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Just before you drain, remove 1 cup of cooking liquid and set aside.
2. In another large pot, warm up olive oil over medium heat. Toss in garlic, tomatoes, olives and capers. Stir and let the garlic cook for a couple of minutes. Add the tuna and break it up a bit, not too much.
3. Add the cooked pasta and toss together until the pasta is well-coated and the rest of the ingredients are spread throughout. Pour in your cooking liquid bit by bit until the pasta loosens up.
4. Serve with a topping of grated Parmesan and fresh basil.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

**ACROSS**

1. TV part [abbr.]
4. Money
8. Happen
13. However
14. Run __ of (Conflict)
16. __ wheat bread
17. Vodka, e.g.
18. Lotto Max's extra prizes when the jackpot reaches \$50,000,000
20. More mawkish
22. Quebec 'friend'
23. Thundering sound
24. Without a __ stand on
25. Pray at the pew
27. Guarantee
29. More fictitious
34. TV personality Ms. Vieira, to pals
36. Diana __ & The Supremes
38. Bishop's hat
39. Barrens Willow of Newfoundland, as an example of one unique to Canada: 2 wds.
43. Brandon __, Hilary Swank Oscar-winning role
44. Prefix to 'bat' (Circus performer)
45. Froms opposites
46. Author Mr. Hemingway
48. Discount
51. Blender setting
53. __ __ Feel the Noize': 1983 hit for Quiet Riot
56. "Scram!"
60. Cave's ceiling clinger
61. '70s songstress Ms. Carpenter's
62. 'Natural Region' of the Tuktuk Nogait National Park in the Northwest Territories: 2 wds.
65. Napoleonic Wars marshal
66. Bandleader/clarinetist Mr. Shaw
67. "Can't you __ __?"
68. (Hey! I'm over here!)
69. __ Ambition (Madonna's 1990 world tour)
70. Movie studio
71. Canadian engineering group, __-Lavalin

DOWN

1. Lesley of '60 Minutes'
2. Ms. Sevigny
3. Landscaper's creation: 2 wds.
4. Engraved-head necklace pieces
5. Way off
6. Chicago White __
7. CFHS = Canadian Federation of __ (Host of the National Animal Welfare Conference, in Toronto from April 16th to 19th, 2016)
8. Hedwig, for one
9. Fashionable
10. Hip
11. Forearm bone

12. Reply to, briefly
15. Green hue
19. Poet's 'willingly'
21. TGIF part
25. Iceland monetary unit
26. Desk light
28. 'Text' suffix
30. Small, small-ly
31. Financial mailings
32. Mr. Rubik (Rubik's Cube inventor)
33. Soaks flax
34. Bitty bug
35. Vitality [abbr.]
37. __ protector (Electronics store purchase)
40. Suffix with 'Hero'
41. Heave
42. Ben, to Brian Mulroney
47. Band's big brass
49. Irish playwright Sean (b. 1880 - d. 1964)
50. Karel Capek sci-fi play
52. Hurrahs!
54. To __ Paradise (Edgar Allan Poe poem)
55. 'Tearin' Up My Heart' quintet
56. Wild guess
57. Lose yer lunch
58. Catch __ (Get)
59. Aesir ruler
61. J-O link
63. Canadian flag colour
64. British singer Mr. Sawyer

*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Take a look in the mirror today. What can you do to improve yourself? Ponder this today, but wait until tomorrow to act.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
A secret love affair with someone older might take place today. Others might make private plans with someone who is more experienced or in a position of authority.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't hesitate to ask someone older or more experienced for his or her advice today, because you will benefit. The tricky thing is that tomorrow is a better day to apply whatever you learn.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Discussions with authority figures will be friendly and helpful today. However, do not volunteer for anything today — wait until tomorrow.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you will appreciate the creative efforts of others, especially people from other countries or different cultures. Do not buy anything today except for gas and food.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A romantic relationship with someone older might begin today. If you have discussions about shared property and inheritances, wait until tomorrow to make important decisions.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a good day to discuss problems with a friend or a partner, because your sense of reality is strong. However, to be wise, wait until tomorrow to agree to anything important.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You want to protect what you have at work today; however, it's imperative to know this is a poor day for important decisions. Just get your facts.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Relations with children will be serious today. Even romantic relationships will involve discussions about responsibilities and shared expenses. Wait until tomorrow to know what you really want to do.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a good day to get your facts in order so that you can secure your family in a better way for the future. Someone older might have advice for you. Make your decision tomorrow.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It will be easy to attend to routine tasks that require attention to detail, because your mind is focused today. However, if you are signing important documents, wait until tomorrow.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your approach to finances will be conservative today. Do not buy anything today except for gas and food.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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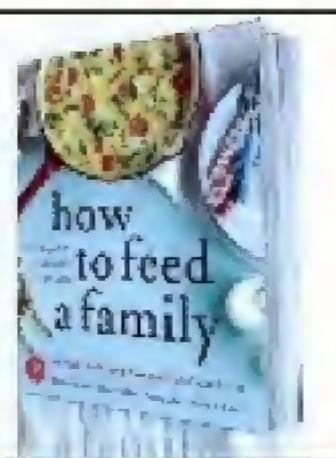
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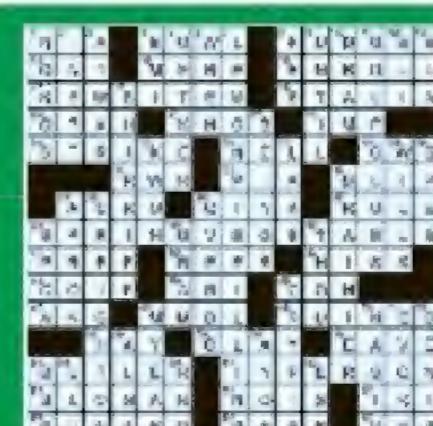
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